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# POPULATION: NEVADA

#### NUMBER OF INHABITANTS, BY COUNTIES AND MINOR CIVIL DIVISIONS

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## TOTAL POPULATION, INCREASE, AND DISTRIBUTION.

Population of the state.—Nevada was organized as a territory in 1861 and was admitted to the Union as the thirty-sixth state in October, 1864. According to the Fourteenth Census, taken as of January 1, 1920, its population is 77,407, which represents a decrease of 4,468, or 5.5 per cent, as compared with the 1910

figure. During the same period the population of the United States increased by 14.9 per cent. The following summary shows the population of Nevada from 1860 to 1920, inclusive, together with the increase for each decade, in comparison with the per cent of increase for the United States as a whole:

#### POPULATION OF NEVADA: 1860 TO 1920.

[A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.]

CENSUS YEAR.	Population.	INCREASE OVE	Per cent of increase for the		
OENSUS IEAR.	Toputation	Number, Per co		United States.	
1920. 1910. 1900. 1890. 1880. 1870.	77,407 81,875 42,335 47,355 62,206 42,491 6,857	-4, 468 39, 540 -5, 020 -14, 911 19, 775 35, 634	-5.5 93.4 -10.6 -23.9 46.5 519.7	14. 9 21. 0 20. 7 25. 5 30. 1 22. 6	

Counties.—Nevada has 17 counties, of which 5 show increases and 10 decreases as compared with 1910. (See Table 1.) The great decrease in Esmeralda County during the last decade is due to the fact that part of its territory has been taken to form Mineral County and part has been annexed to Nye County since 1910; and the large decrease in Humboldt County is due to the formation of a new county, Pershing, from a part of its territory since 1910. It has been necessary, therefore, in preparing the maps on page 3, which show the rates of increase and decrease in total and rural population by counties, to combine Esmeralda and Mineral Counties and Humboldt and Pershing Counties.

Density of population.—The total land area of the state is 109,821 square miles. The average number of inhabitants to the square mile in 1920 is 0.7 (see Table 1), as compared with 0.7 in 1910 and 0.4 in 1900.

Minor civil divisions. -The political units into which the counties are divided are collectively termed "minor civil divisions." The counties of Nevada are made up of 222 primary divisions, comprising 188 election precincts (including 1-Newark, in White Pine County-for which no population was returned in 1920), 29 townships, 3 mining districts, 1 district, and 2 unincorporated cities (Tonopah and Virginia City). There are also 15 secondary divisions, comprising 10 cities, including 1 for which the population was not returned separately, and 5 towns. One city and 3 towns are coextensive with the precincts in which located and 1 city and 1 town each comprise 5 precincts. Besides these primary and secondary divisions there are 3 Indian reservations and parts of 2 others which, though independent of the county organizations, have been returned as parts of the counties in which located, and a tract not located in any precinct.

Cities.—Nevada has 12 cities, but, as previously stated, 2 are unincorporated. Reno, with a population of 12,016, is the largest. (See Tables 3 and 4.)

The following summary shows, for Reno—the only city having more than 5,000 inhabitants in 1920—the population at each census for which figures are available, together with the number and per cent of increase during the preceding decade:

POPULATION OF RENO CITY: 1870 TO 1920.

CITY AND CENSUS YEAR.	Population,	INCREASI PRECEDING	
		Number.	Per cent.
Reno: 1920. 1910. 1910. 1900. 1850. 1889. 1870.	12,016 10,867 4,500 3,563 1,302 1,035	1,149 6,367 937 2,261 267	10.6 141.5 26.3 173.7 25.8

Urban and rural population.—The Census Bureau defines urban population as that residing in cities and other incorporated places having 2,500 inhabitants or more, and rural population as that residing outside such incorporated places.

The following summary presents, for the last three censuses, figures showing the urban and rural population of the state. The classification for each census is based upon the population of the various places as shown by the returns of that census. As a result, the figures for the three censuses covered by the table do not relate to exactly the same urban and rural territory, respectively, since some territory which was rural in one census year may have become urban when the next census was taken, or the reverse change may have taken place. The proportion of the population of Nevada living in places of 2,500 or more decreased from 17 per cent in 1900 to 16.3 per cent in 1910 and increased to 19.7 per cent in 1920.

URBAN AND RURAL POPULATION: 1920, 1910, AND 1900.

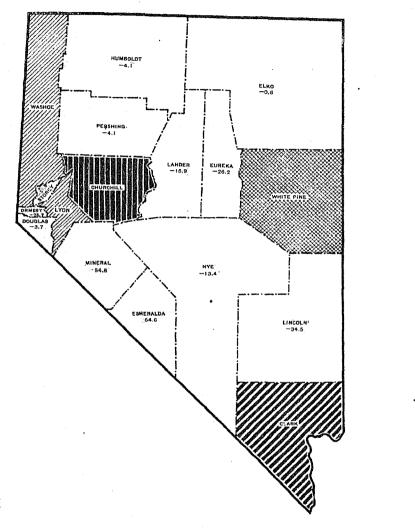
CIASS OF DIACRE		1920		1910	1900		PER CENT OF TOTAL POPULATION.		
CLASS OF PLACES.	Number of places.	Population.	Number of places.	Population.	Number of places.	Population.	1920	1910	1900
Total population		77,407		81,875		42,335	100.0	100.0	100.0
Urban territory Rural territory	2	15,254 62,153	2	13, 367 68, 508	2	7,195 35,140	19. 7 80. 3	16.3 83.7	17. 0 83. 0

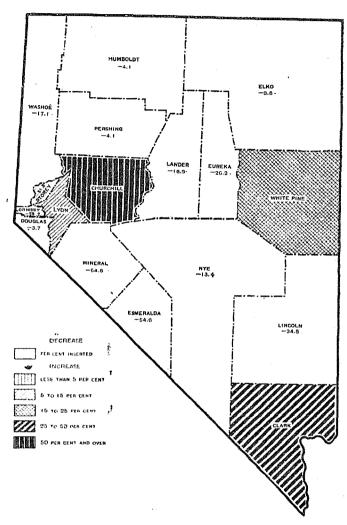
#### PER CENT OF INCREASE OR DECREASE OF POPULATION OF NEVADA, BY COUNTIES: 1910-1920.

Rural population is defined as that residing outside of incorporated places having 2,500 inhabitants or more.

TOTAL POPULATION.

RURAL POPULATION. '





## DENSITY OF POPULATION OF NEVADA, BY COUNTIES: 1920.

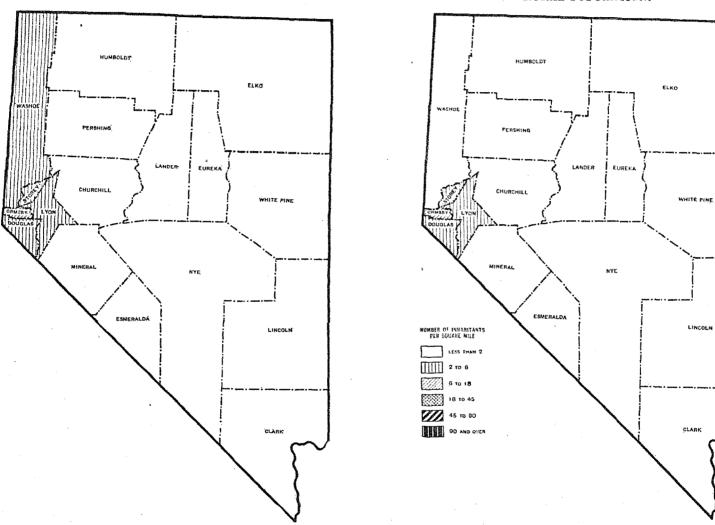
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TOTAL POPULATION.

RURAL POPULATION.

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#### TABLE 1.—AREA AND POPULATION OF COUNTIES: 1860 TO 1920.

[In computing the increase from 1890 to 1900 the population of Indian reservations in 1900 has been deducted from the total population of the county in order to make that total comparable with the total for 1890, which does not include the population of Indian reservations. The population thus deducted in the several counties was as follows: Elko, 439; Esmeralda, 392; Lincoln, 137; Washoe, 705.]

[A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.]

	Land					PC	PULATION.						
COUNTY.	COUNTY. area in square miles: 1920,	1920						A STATE OF THE PARTY OF THE PAR		Per c	Per cent of increase.		
		Total.	Per square mile.	1910	1900	1890	1880	1870	1560	1910 to 1920.	1900 to 1910.	1890 to 1900.	
Nevada	109,821	77,407	0.7	81,875	42, 335	1 47, 355	1 62, 266	1 42, 491	1 6, 857	-5.5	93.4	-10.6	
Churchill	5,050 8,045	4,649 4,859	0.9	2, 811 3, 321	830	703	479	196		65.4 46.3	238.7	18.1	
Douglas Elko I Esmeralda I.	733 17,059 3,413	1,825 8,083 2,410	2.5 0.5 0.7	1,895 8,133 9,369	1,534 5,688 1,972	1,551 4,794 2,148	1,581 5,716 3,220	1,215 3,447 J,553		-3.7 -0.6 -74.3	$23.5 \\ 43.0 \\ 375.1$	$ \begin{array}{r} -1.1 \\ 9.5 \\ -26.4 \end{array} $	
Eureka <sup>1</sup>	4,157 9,804 5,721 10,511	1,350 3,743 1,484 2,287	0.3 0.4 0.3 0.2	1,830 6,825 1,786 3,489	1,954 4,463 1,534 3,284	3,275 3,434 2,266 2,466	7,086 3,480 3,624 2,637	1,916 2,815 2,985	40	-26.2 -45.2 -16.9 -34.5	-0.3 52.9 16.4 6.2	-40.3 30.0 -32.3 27.6	
Lyon Mineral 1	1,509 4,019	4,078 1,848	2.7 0.5	3,568	2,268	1,987	2,409	1,837		14.3	57.3	14.1	
Lyon Mineral <sup>1</sup> Nye <sup>1</sup> Ormsby.	18, 294 156	6,504 2,453	0.4 15.7	7,513 3,415	1,140 2,893	1,290 4,883	1,875 $5,412$	1,087 3,668		$-13.4 \\ -28.2$	559.0 18.0	$-11.6 \\ -49.8$	
Pershing <sup>1</sup>	6,053 251 6,251 8,795	2, 803 1, 469 18, 627 8, 935	0.5 5.9 3.0 1.0	3,045 17,434 7,441	3,673 9,141 1,961	8,806 6,437 1,721	16,115 5,664 2,682	3,091		-51.8 6.8 20.1	-17.1 90.7 279.4	-58.3 31.1 13.9	

#### CHANGES IN BOUNDARIES, ETC.

The State.—State totals include population as follows: In 1890, population (1,594) of Indian reservations specially enumerated, not distributed by counties in 1890 and 1870, population (286 and 183, respectively) of Roop County, annexed to Washoe County in 1883; and in 1890, population (6,712 and 105, respectively) of Carson and St. Marys Counties. No records to account for their disappearance. CLARK.—Organized from part of Lincoln in 1909.

ELKO.—Part of Lander annexed in 1871.

EMERALDA.—Part of Nye annexed in 1875; part taken to form Mineral in 1911; part annexed to Nye in 1913.

EUREKA.—Organized from part of Lander in 1873.

HUMBOLDT.—Part annexed to Lander in 1873; part taken to form Pershing in 1919.

LANDER.—Part annexed to Elko in 1871; part taken to form Eureka in 1873;

LINCOLM.—Part taken to form Clark in 1909.

MINERAL.—Organized from part of Esmeralda in 1911.

NYE.—Parts annexed to Esmeralda and White Pine in 1875; part of Esmeralda annexed in 1913.

PERSHING.—Organized from part of Humboldt in 1919.

WASHOEL—Roop annexed in 1883.

WHITE PINE.—Part of Nye annexed in 1875.

TABLE 2.—POPULATION OF COUNTIES BY MINOR CIVIL DIVISIONS: 1920.

[Precinct means election precinet. Because of numerous changes in the boundaries of the counties and minor civil divisions since 1910, no comparative figures for earlier census years are given. For population of incorporated places, see Table 3.]

MINOR CIVIL DIVISION.	1920	MINOR CIVIL DIVISION.	1920	MINOR CIVIL DIVISION.	1920
Churchill County	4,649	Elko County	8, 083	Esmeralda County 3	2, 410
Dixie precinct Fairview precinct	46	Butte Valley precinct		Coaldale precinet.	2
Fairview precinct	33 236	Clover Valley precinct	673 19	Columbia precinct. Divide mining district.	82 439
Harmon precinct. Hazen precinct. New River precinet, including Fallon city.	343	Clover Valley precinct	88	Fish Lake Valley precinct	89
New River precinct, including Fallon city St. Clair precinct	2,795 543	Columbia precinct	16 120	Goldfield precincts 1 to 5, coextensive with Goldfield town.	1,558
Stillwater precinct.	394	Contact precinet. Deep Creek precinet.	49	Hornsilver precinct Klondyke mining district	1,000
White Rock precinct Wonder precinct	177	Elko precinct, including Elko city. Fort Halleck precinct.	2,341	Klondyke mining district	9 63
Wonder precinct	82	Halleck Station precinct	34 87	Lone Mountain mining district	8
		Huntington precinct.	1 30 1	Millers precinct	64
Clark County 1	4,859	Island Mountain precinct.	91 134	Silver Peak precinct	78
Township No. 1, Nelson	81	Jack Creek precinct	258		
Township No. 2. Searchlight 1.	161	Lamoille precinct	288	Eureka County	1,350
Township No. 3, Crescent.	25 356	Mardis precinct.	60 291	Beowawe precinct	132
Township No. 4, Goodsprings Township No. 5, Las Vegas, including Las	330	Metropolis precinct	210	Diamond Valley precinct	81
Veras city	2,688 104	Montello precinct	464	Eureka precinct Lynn district.	708
Township No. 6, Moapa <sup>1</sup> . Township No. 7, Logan	104	Montello precinct Mound Valley precinct Mountain City precinct North Fork precinct	134 94	Lynn district	8 312
Township No. 8. Overton	380	North Fork precinct	126	Palisade precinct Prospect precinct	43
Township No. 8, Overton. Township No. 9, St. Thomas.	170	North Rithy Drecinci	100	Ruby Hill precinct	49 17
Township No. 10, Bunkerville Township No. 11, Mesquite Fort Mojave Indian Reservation (part of) <sup>1</sup> .	273 361	O'Nells precinct		Three Bar precinct (Tomten)	11
Fort Mojave Indian Reservation (part of)	40	Ruby Valley precinct.	214	•	
Moapa Indian Reservation 1	128	Shalter precinct	153	Humboldt County 4	3, 743
		South Fork precinct	388	GoldRun township, including Golconda town	474
Douglas County	1,825	Starr Valley precinct Tecoma precinct	33	Humboldt township	83
		Toano precinct	70 59	Jackson Creek township.	42 62
East Fork precinct. Genoa precinct.	875 222	Topar precinct	241	McDermitt township	435
Jacks Valley precinet	33	Tuscarora precinct	29	National township	12
Jacks Valley precinet Minden precinct Mottsville precinet	420	Wells precinct	521 17	Paradise township	324 S9
		White Rock precinct	58	Summit Laka township	989
CLARK.—Organized from part of Linco	ln County	White Rock precinct. Duck Valley Indian Reservation <sup>2</sup> (part of).	.] 418	Union township, including Winnemuccacity	1,934
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lation of Fort Moiave Indian Reservation	in Mohava	tain City precinct, but independent the	reof; l tota	and part annexed to Nye County, since 1910	).

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HUMBOLDT.—Part taken to form Pershing County

## POPULATION—NEVADA.

## Table 2.—POPULATION OF COUNTIES BY MINOR CIVIL DIVISIONS: 1920—Continued.

[Precinct means election precinct. Because of numerous changes in the boundaries of the counties and minor civil divisions since 1910, no comparative figures for earlier census years are given. For population of incorporated places, see Table 3.]

MINOR CIVIL DIVISION.	1920	MINOR CIVIL DIVISION.	1920	MINOR CIVIL DIVISION.	1920
Lander County	1,484	Mineral County-Continued.	Action a program to represent the species of species and species and species are species as the species and species are species as the species are species are species as the species are spe	Pershing County-Continued.	
Austin precinct 1	366	Candelaria precinct	17	Imlay precinct.	23
Austin precinct 2.	300	Hawthorne precinct	244	Imlay precinct	3
Battle Mountain precinct.	602	Luning precinct	144	Lovelock precinct, exclusive of part of	· '
Copper Basin precinct.	73	Mina precinct	611	Lovelock precinct, exclusive of part of Lovelock city	36
Cortez precinct	35	Nolan precinct	31	Lower Rochester precinct	i n
Galena procinct	38	Omeo precinet	28	Mainha precinct	1
Hilltop precinct.	44	Queen precinct	30	Mazuma precinct. Mill City precinct. Oreana precinct.	1 6
Lander precinct	26	: Rawhide presinct	53	Mill City precinct	1
		Shurz precinct ' Silverdyke precinct	49	Oreana precinct	10
		Silverdyke precinct	6	Packard precinet	1
Lincoln County 6	2,287	Sweetwater precinct	119	Ragged Top precinct	
		Wielman precinct	93	Rochester precinct Ryo Patch precinct	. 1
Alamo precinct	211	Wingfield precinct	1	Ryo Patch precinct	
Atlanta precinct	24	Wingfield precinct	341	South Lovelock precinct. exclusive of part	·
Barclay precinct	55			of Lovelock city	28
Caliente precinct Camp Valley precinct	541		į	Spring Valley precinct	[ ]
Camp Valley precinct	. 11	77	0 504	Sulphur precinet	
Comet precinct	27	Nye County 8		Tungsten precinct	'
Delamar precinct. Elgin precinct.	17		201	Unionville precinct. Lovelock city, in Lovelock and South Love-	
Elgin precinct	165	Ash Meadows precinct	63	Lovelock city, in Lovelock and South Love-	
Fav precinct	25 57	Beatty precinct	115 129	lock precincts	1,10
Gevser precinct	57	Belmont precinct	47	•	-,-,-
Hiko vracinet	103	Blue Eagle precinct			l
Jackrabbit precinct.	34	Bonnie Clare precinct	26 37	Storey County	1,4
Newlands precinct	22	Breuner precinet	37		-, -
Parago precinct	318	Carrara precinct Currant precinct	54	Derby precinct	
Pioche precinet. Ursine precinet.	595	Currant preemet	61	Gold Hill precinct	20
Ursine precinct	82	Duckwafer precinct	127	Virginia City	1,20
•		Golden Arrow precinct	37		-,-
		Grantsville precinet	14		
Lyon County	4,078	Hot Creek precinct	208	Washoe County	18,6
-		Ione precinct	159		10,0
Artesia precinct	34	Manhattan precinct, coextensive with Man-	444	Bald Mountain township	11
Canal precinet	281	haitan town	401	Duck Laka tawashin	i 5
Dayton precinct	300	Milletts precinct.	78	Reno township, including Reno city. Sult Marsh township. Sparks township, including Sparks city	13, 26
East Mason Valley precinct, exclusive of part of Yerington city	1	Pabrump precinct (Johnnie). Pioneer precinct	94	Salt Marsh township	4:
part of Yerington city	131	rioneer precipet	44	Sparks township, including Sparks city	3,5
Ludwig precinct	45	Rhyolite precinct	14	Verdi township.	4
Mound House precinct	100	Round Mountain precinct, ecestensive with	077	Verdi township	4
Plummer precinct	276	Round Mountain town		Pyramid Lake Indian Reservation	3
Silver City precinct, coextensive with Silver	-	Rye Patch precinct	42 67	*	
Silver City precinct, coextensive with Silver City town Simpson precinct	100	Sharp precinct			
Simpson precinct	173	Sunnyside precinct Tonopah precincts 1 to 5, coextensive with	104	White Pine County 10	~ 8,9
Smith Valley precinct	400	Tonopan precincts 1 to 3, coextensive with	4 124	·	
Spragg precinet	639	Tonopab city.	4,144	Cherry Creek precinct	35
Thompson precinct	37	Tybo precinct	55	Cherry Creek precinct. East Ely precinct.	6
Wabuska precinct	207	. You recared in Distances	13	Ely precinct, coextensive with Ely city	2,0
West Mason Valley precinct, exclusive of part of Yerington city.				Hamilton precinct	
part of Yerington city	186			Kimberly precinct	4
Yerington city, in East and West Mason		Ormsby County	2,453	Kimberly precinct	1
Valley precincts	1,169			1) Laind precinct	2
	•	Carson township, including Carson City	2,453	McGill precinct	2.8
Mineral County 7		=:		Pleasant Valley precinct Preston precinct	1,1
Mineral County 7	1,848			Preston precinct	Î
		Pershing County 9	2,803	Ruth precinct	1 2
Aurora precinct	- 6			Snake Valley precinct	1,3
Cambridge precinct	7ā	Buffalo Valley precinct. Dun Glen procinct	4	Snake Valley precinct Spring Valley precinct Tippetts precinct	Ĩ.
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1910.	ису вине	Humboldt precinct	37		1
LYON.—Yerington city not returned by:	proginete	NYE.—Part of Esmeralda County appe	wood since	Presuma Organized from part of	T71

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Lyon.—Yerington city not returned by precincts; total population of East Mason Valley and West Mason Valley precincts can not, therefore, be shown.

<sup>7</sup> MINERAL.—Organized from part of Esmeralia County since 1910. Walker River Indian Reservation in Shurz precinct, but independent thereof.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Nye.—Part of Esmeralda County annexed since 1910. <sup>9</sup> PERSHING.—Organized from part of Humboldt County in 1919. Lovelock city not returned by pre-cinets; total population of Lovelock and South Love-lock precinets can not, therefore, be shown.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> PERSHING.—Organized from part of Humboldt County in 1919. Lovelock city not returned by pre-cincts; total population of Lovelock and South Love-lock precincts can not, therefore, be shown. <sup>10</sup> WHITE PINE.—No population reported for Newark precinct.

## TABLE 3.—POPULATION OF INCORPORATED PLACES: 1920, 1910, AND 1900.

[The absence of population figures for 1910 or 1900 indicates that the place was incorporated at some date between the censuses, unless otherwise explained by footnote.]

CITY OR TOWN.	County.	1920	1910	1900	CITY OR TOWN.	County.	1920	1910	1900
Los Vegas city	Elko. White Pine Churchill  Humboldt. Esmeralda Clark Pershing	1,753 288 1,558 2,304	2,055 741	***********	Tonopah city <sup>3</sup> . Virginia City <sup>3</sup> . Winnemuces city	Nye. Lyon. Washee Nye. Storey. Tumboldt	371 109 3,238	10, 867 337 2, 500 3, 900 2, 244 682	2,695

<sup>1</sup> Not incorporated in 1910; population, 4,838. 2 See county footnote, Table 2.

#### TABLE 4.—POPULATION OF WARDS OF RENO CITY: 1920.

WARD.	1920	WARD.	1920	WARD.	1920
Reno city	12,016 1,566	Ward 2. Ward 3. Ward 4	1,800 1,423 2,583	Ward 5. Ward 6.	2, 340 2, 304

#### TABLE 5.-URBAN AND RURAL POPULATION OF COUNTIES: 1920, 1910, AND 1900.

[A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.]

POPULATION.										PER C	Rural			
COUNTY.	1920		19	10	19	00	PER CENT URBAN IN TOTAL POPULATION.			Url popul	ban ation.	Ru popul		popu- lation per
	Urban.	Rural.	Urban.	Rural,	Urban.	Rural.	1920	1910	1900	i910 to 1920.	1900 to 1910.	1910 te 1920,	1906 to 1910.	square mile: 1920.
Nevada	15, 254	62, 153	13,367	68, 508	7, 195	35,140	19.7	16.3	17.0	45.1	85.8	15.3	95.0	0.5
Washoe	15, 254	3,373 58,780	13,367	4,067 64,441	4,500 2,695	4,641 30,499	81.9	76.7	49.2 8.1	14.1	197.0	-17.1 -8.8	$-12.4 \\ 111.3$	0, 5 0, 6

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Includes all counties in which there were no incorporated places having 2,500 inhabitants or more in 1920. These counties are Churchill, Clark, Douglas, Elko, Esmeralda, Eureka, Humboldt, Lander, Lincoln, Lyon, Mineral, Nye, Ormsby, Pershing, Storey, and White Pine.

Not incorporated.Not returned separately.